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SUBJECT: VIENNA CYPRUS TALKS

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1. FOLLOWING CONVERSATION APRIL 6 WITH COUNSELOR-DESIGNATE
NIMETZ RE TURKISH F-4S (REFTEL), TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL
CONVEYED TURKISH GOVERNMENT REACTION TO GREEK CYPRIOT
TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS. ESENBEL BASED HIS CONVERSATION ON
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS GUIDANCE TELEGRAM DATED APRIL 4
AND HE INDICATED HE WAS NOT INFORMED RE MORE RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS.

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2. ESENBEL SAID TURKS CONTINUED TO ENVISION PACKAGE DEAL
FOR CYPRUS SETTLEMENT AND THEY DO NOT THINK PRIORITIES
SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO ISSUES UNDER NEGOTIATION. GREEK MAP,
HE SAID, WAS TO HAVE BEEN BIZONAL; INSTEAD, IT WAS MULTI-
ZONAL WITH FOUR OR EVEN FIVE CANTONS. NOT ONLY WERE
TURKISH SECURITY CONCERNS NOT MET BY GREEK PROPOSAL, BUT

IT WAS NOT ECONOMICALLY VIABLE FOR TURKISH CYPRIOTS. OTHER
NEGATIVE FACTORS CITED BY ESENBEL:

--TURKISH CYPRIOTS OWNED 36 PERCENT OF LAND, YET GREEKS
ONLY OFFERED 20 PERCENT;

--COMMUNICATIONS LINKS BY AIR, SEA AND LAND WOULD BE UN-
SATISFACTORY FOR TURKISH CYPRIOTS;

--MOST ARABLE LAND INCLUDING CITRUS GROVES AND VINEYARDS
WOULD GO TO GREEK SIDE;

--SOME 50,000 TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD BE MADE REFUGEES
FOR THE FIRST TIME;

--NICOSIA AIRPORT WOULD BE IN GREEK CYPRIOT HANDS RATHER
THAN UNDER SHARED CONTROL;

--TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD NOT HAVE ACCESS TO PORT OF
FAMAGUSTA;

--TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD NOT HAVE ACCESS TO PORT ON WEST
COAST.

3. ESENBEL ALSO SAID MFA WAS "DISTRESSED" AT LEAKAGE OF
GREEK CYPRIOT MAP TO PRESS. HE NOTED THAT ANY ARRANGEMENT
FOR CYPRUS FEDERATION WOULD HAVE TO BE SUI GENERIS BECAUSE
OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS AND HISTORY OF CYPRUS AND THAT EQUAL
PARTNERSHIP AT FEDERAL LEVEL WOULD BE ESSENTIAL.
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4. NIMETZ POINTED OUT THAT INITIAL PROPOSALS MADE IN
VIENNA WERE OBVIOUSLY NOT MEANT TO BE FINAL SOLUTION.
CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR, NIMETZ NOTED, HAD COMPLAINED EQUALLY
ABOUT TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS WHICH
THOUGH "CREATIVE" IMPLIED TOTAL SEPARATION. NIMETZ NOTED
THAT PROPOSALS AT LEAST HAD BEEN TABLED AND DISCUSSED.
HOPEFULLY, AT END THIS ROUND OF TALKS, DATE WOULD BE SET
FOR NEXT ROUND IN NICOSIA. U.S. STILL BELIEVED THAT BOTH
SIDES SINCERELY DESIRED A SETTLEMENT. WHILE WE WERE NOT
"ENCOURAGED" BY RESULTS SO FAR, NIMETZ SAID, THERE WERE
CERTAINLY POSITIVE AS WELL AS NEGATIVE ASPECTS FLOWING
FROM THE VIENNA TALKS.

5. NIMETZ CONCLUDED BY ASKING ESENBEL WHAT TURKISH
GOVERNMENT THOUGHT USG MIGHT DO TO BE HELPFUL RE CYPRUS.
ESENBEL SAID HE WAS LEAVING FOR ANKARA FOR CONSULTATION
APRIL 9 AND WOULD DISCUSS THAT QUESTION WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER.

6. AS HE WAS LEAVING BUILDING, ESENBEL ASKED DEPT OFF IF WE HAD ANY INFORMATION ON DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. ESENBEL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD SOVIETS HAD RAISED MATTER AND HAD ASKED IF USG STILL INTENDED TO SUPPORT SEARCH FOR SETTLEMENT UNDER UN AUSPICES. DEPT OFF CONFIRMED THAT GENERAL DISCUSSION HAD

TAKEN PLACE AND SECRETARY HAD MADE CLEAR USG STILL SUPPORTED CYPRUS TALKS UNDER UN AEGIS.
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